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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VENUE ON NOTARIAL CERTIFICATES EXECUTED AT
AMEMBASSY BERLIN

REF: A. COPENHAGEN 2871

B. BERLIN 1004, JUNE 11, 1973 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION AGREES ON IMPORTANCE OF WORDING VENUE STATEMENT ON NOTARIALS IN WAY THAT DOES NOT DAMAGE US POSITION ON UNITY OF BERLIN. IN VIEW OF STUDY CONDUCTED BY DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR (REF B AND PREVIOUS), WE RECOGNIZE MATTER MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN DECIDED. REF B DID NOT, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS VENUE FORMULATION OTHER THAN TO REPORT BRITISH AND FRENCH DO NOT USE A VENUE STATEMENT COMPARABLE TO OUR OWN. WE THEREFORE OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON COPENHAGEN SUGGESTIONS (REF A).

2. MAJOR DEFECT OF FORMULATIONS SUGGESTED REF A, AS WE SEE IT, IS THAT THEY ALL SEEK TO ACCOMMODATE TO STANDARD NOTARIAL PRACTICE BY BEGINNING WITH NAME OF COUNTRY. IF UNDER US POSITION EAST BERLIN IS NOT IN GDR--AND US HAS SO FAR SUCCESSFULLY PRESERVED THAT POSITION BY POINTING OUT THAT OUR EMBASSY TO THE GDR IS LOCATED IN BERLIN ONLY AS A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE-- THEN WE QUESTION PROPRIETY OF STATING IN NOTARIALS OR
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ELSEWHERE THAT GDR IS VENUE OF ANY ACT PERFORMED BY

EMBASSY BERLIN.

3. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ADAPTING TO BERLIN SITUATION THE PRACTICE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND EARLIER OBTAINED AT AMCONGEN JERUSALEM, NAMELY, SIMPLY OMITTING NAME OF COUNTRY. VENUE FOR NOTARIALS PERFORMED BY EMBASSY BERLIN COULD THUS READ:

BERLIN)
EMBASSY OF THE USA)

ALSO POSSIBLE WOULD BE "BERLIN/EMBASSY OF THE USA TO THE GDR."

4. SUBSIDIARY PROBLEM IS HOW TO AVOID CONFUSION BETWEEN CONSULAR ACTS PERFORMED BY MISSION AND THOSE OF EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT MAY THEREFORE WISH TO HAVE AT HAND WORDING OF CONSULAR FORMULATIONS CURRENTLY IN USE IN MISSION:

(A) OUR VENUE STAMP FOR NOTARIALS READS AS FOLLOWS:

GERMANY)
CITY OF BERLIN)
CONSULAR SERVICE OF THE)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

(B) NEW VISA PLATES FOR NIVS ISSUED BY MISSION
OMIT NAME OF COUNTRY AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VISA
ISSUED AT
BERLIN

(C) MISSION'S IMPRESSION AND RUBBER STAMP SEALS USED
ON CON

SULAR SERVICE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA-BERLIN, GERMANY."
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(D) IMPRESSION SEAL FOR PASSPORTS AND IMMIGRANT VISA
READS: "CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA-BERLIN, GERMANY."

(E) RUBBER STAMPS PLACED ON PAGE 4 OF US PASSPORT READ:
"UNITED STATES MISSION, BERLIN, GERMANY."

5. EMBASSY BERLIN (BRANDON GROVE) CONCURS.KLEIN

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